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LONDON FOR AMBASSADOR BREWER; ADDIS FOR RSS

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTIVITY - KHARTOUM

REF: A. STATE 246650; B. KHARTOUM 2510

1. EMBASSY FOLLOWED UP APPROACH REPORTED PARA 1 OF
KHARTOUM 2510 WITH CALL ON RESPONSIBLE SUDANESE
SERVICE THIS MORNING. OFFICIAL REPEATED THAT COINTER-
SURVEILLANCE MOUNTED AT OUR REQUEST HAD NOT RPT
NOT SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY SURVEILLANCE OF NCOIC,
WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE CEASED, BUT THAT COUNTER-SURVEILLANCE
COVERAGE WILL CONTINUE. AS INSTRUCTED IN STATE 246650,
EMBASSY ASKED THAT SUDANESE INTERCEDE IMMEDIATELY IN
SURVEILLANCE OPERATION; I.E., PULL IN THE DRIVER OF THE
TAXI OBSERVED AND IDENTIFIED BY THE EMBASSY AS THE
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SURVEILLANCE VEHICLE. OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT SUDANESE

WOULD BE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO DO SO AT THIS POINT SINCE SUCH A MOVE WOULD COMPROMISE THE INVESTIGATION AND PROBABLY ELIMINATE ANY CHANCE OF DISCOVERING THE SUSPECT'S MOTIVES OR THE EXTENT TO WHICH HE AND ANY POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES ARE INVOLVED IN A HOSTILE PLOT AGAINST THE EMBASSY.

2. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE CONVERSATION THAT SUDANESE SECURITY CONSIDERS THAT IT IS NOW PURSUING ITS OWN INTERESTS IN THI CASE, SINCE IT INVOLVES POSSIBLE HOSTILE ACTIVITY AGAINST A FOREIGN MISSION, AS WELL AS EMBASSY'S INTERESTS. SECURITY PLAINLY WANTS AND INTENDS TO PURSUE THE INVESTIGATION IN ITS OWN WAY, WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE A PRE-EMPTIVE PICKUP OF THE SUSPECT. MOREOVER, IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION FAILS TO DETECT CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SUDANESE WOULD BE WILL TO DETAIN SUSPECT TAXI DRIVER. ON THE OTHER HAND, SECURITY SERVICE DID RESPOND SWIFTLY TO OUR INITIAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND IS COOPERATING WILLINGLY WITH THE EMBASSY. WE WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST PRESSING THEM FURTHER ON INTERCESSION IN THE ABSENCE OF NEW EVIDENCE.

3. IN OUR CONTACTS WITH SECURITY OFFICIALS, WE HAVE OF COURSE NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED MATTER OF AMBASSADOR'S RETURN TO KHARTOUM.

4. IT HAS BEEN DEFINITELY DETERMINED THROUGH FURTHER INVESTIGATION THAT THE APPEARANCE OF THE SECOND VEHICLE REFERRED TO IN PARA ONE OF KHARTOUM 2500 WAS PURELY COINCIDENTAL TO THE SUSPECTED SURVEILLANCE. THUS, WE NOW HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT MORE THAN ONE VEHICLE (THE TAXI) WAS EVER INVOLVED.

5. CHARGE HAS DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH MARINE BALL AS SCHEDULED TONIGHT, NOV 9. BALL WILL BE HELD AT AMERICAN COMMUNITY CLUB. PREVIOUSLY PLANNED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE FOUR ARMED, UNIFORMED SUDANESE POLICEMEN ON HAND THROUGHOUT PLUS ROVING POLICE SUPERVISOR WHO WILL

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MAKE FREQUENT CHECKS. ARMED RSO WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN COVERAGE. FINALLY, AMBASSADOR'S ARMED BODYGUARD (SUDANESE POLICEMAN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES) WILL ACCOMPANY CHARGE AND AUGMENT SECURITY FORCE AT THE BALL. WE BELIEVE THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PROTECTION.

6. EMBASSY DOES NOT UNDERESTIMATE POTENTIAL SERIOUSNESS

OF THE SUSPECTED SURVEILLANCE OR THE POSSIBILITY THAT
IT IS CONNECTED WITH THE CAR RADIO INCIDENTS REPORTED
IN KHARTOUM 2500. GIVEN THE FAILURE OF SUDANESE
SECURITY AND THE EMBASSY TO TURN UP ANYTHING NEW,
IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT CESSATION OF THE SUSPECTED
SINGLE-VEHICLE SURVEILLANCE, AND IN VIEW OF THE
INTENTION OF THE SUDANESE SERVICES TO REMAIN ON THE
CASE UNTIL RESOLVED TO THEIR SATISFACTION, HOWEVER,
CHARGE JUDGES THAT THE CURRENT SECURITY
SITUATION PERMITS AMBASSADOR BREWER TO RETURN TO
POST WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

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